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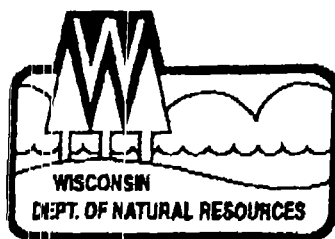


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**FAX COVER SHEET**

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DATE:	9/10/01
TO:	Bill Ealen / Rick Karl
AGENCY/COMPANY:	USEPA Region 5
FAX NUMBER:	
SUBJECT:	Removal Assistance at Solway Lake
COMMENTS:	Note: contact person at Region is Jim Schmidt.
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September 8, 2001

Bill Bolen  
US EPA Region 5  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604

Subject: Request for Removal Assistance

Dear Mr. <sup>Bill</sup>Bolen:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requests U.S. EPA Region 5 Emergency Response Branch assistance to help evaluate the threat posed by manufactured gas plant wastes at the former Milwaukee Solvay Coke & Gas Company Property, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County in Wisconsin. I have included a RISE form with this letter.

The property ownership is in question as neither the previous titleholder, Cliff Mining Company nor the current property occupant, Wisconsin Wrecking Co. will accept ownership of the property. No sampling has been done at this 46 acre property. The MGP operated on-site for 80 years it is suspected that typical MGP wastes – tar/oils, PAHs, VOCs, phenolics, metals, cyanide and sulfide are present at the site. The site is located in the Kinnickinnic River Basin. There is suspected to be a release to surface water and sediments from the site.

Please contact me (608) 267-5063 to set up the initial conference call. Thank you for your prompt attention to this site.

Sincerely,

Amy S. Walden  
Federal Removals Coordinator  
Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment

cc: Jim Schmidt/ John Krahling – SER

**Region 5 RISE Information Form****Date:** 09/06/01**OSC/phone #:**

**State Contact/ Phone # :** Jim Schmidt (414) 263-8561 Fax: (414) 263- 8716  
Southeast Region Headquarters  
2300 Martin Luther King Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

**Other Contacts:** Amy Walden DNR Federal Removals Coordinator (608) 267-5063  
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**Who reported site?** John Krahling, WDNR**Site Name:** Milwaukee Solvay Coke & Gas Co. site**CERCLIS ID #:** none**Site Specific Spill ID#:** none**Site Location (address/city/county/state):**

311 East Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

**Site Owner Name and Phone #:**

Wisconsin Wrecking Co. (currently on-site) and Cliffs Mining Co. are both denying ownership of the property. However, WW has refused access to the City of Milwaukee for inspection purposes.

Marco Gerovac  
Wisconsin Wrecking Company  
311 East Greenfield Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53204  
(414) 845-4700

(414) 645-4799 FAX

James Tretheway  
Cliffs Mining Company  
1100 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2589  
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**Suspected Resource Damage:** contaminated soils, groundwater, surface water and sediments**Operation Status:** Inactive – Manufactured gas plant. Active - Concrete crushing and metal recycling operation.

**Type of Operation and Wastes**

Manufactured gas plant operated from 1902 – 1983. Access to site has been denied so no sampling information available at this time. Suspect typical MGP wastes – tar/oils, PAHs, VOCs, phenolics, metals, cyanide and sulfide. Site located in the Kinnickinnic River Basin. Suspected release to surface water and sediments from the site.

**Request for Assistance**

WDNR is requesting U.S. EPA to conduct a removal assessment at this site to determine whether EPA can take a response action to mitigate the immediate threat posed by the potential soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater conditions at the site.

**Note to OSC's:**

Send copies of documents and fax PolReps to:

- 1) State Contact listed above and
- 2) Amy Walden, DNR Federal Removals Coordinator (608) 267-5083 Fax - (608) 267-7646  
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR INITIATING ACTIVITY****Removal Site Assessment****Remediation Decision (TC, NTC, NPL)****Date of Decision:****Prepared by:****Date:****Removal Action Decision:**

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